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We are your guide to the world of home theater and automation. If you're putting together an automated home theater, you've come to the right place. The world of home entertainment is changing with breakneck speed. There are so many different technologies, methods of content delivery and sources of information and entertainment content, it boggles the mind. It's home theater, distributing your favorite music, video & pictures throughout your home, and controlling everything as simply as possible. How to determine what is the best for your home, family, and lifestyle is no easy task. You need a home theater and automation guide to help -

You need to:

1) Honestly assess your needs and wants. Depending upon your skill & knowledge, you can put together a great home theater and automation system yourself. However, for most, having a professional installer or integrator help in this regard is a real asset. A qualified, professional custom installer, especially an installer who is CEDIA certified, can use their experience to evaluate what your requirements are and design audio, video and automation systems to meet or exceed your expectations. They can recommend solutions or applications you were unaware of that can really increase your comfort and enjoyment of your home theater or automation system in the years to come.

2) Know what home theater and automation solutions are available and how they integrate with other products and technologies. There are so many home entertainment technology choices available, it's hard to keep up. To make it more complicated, new ones are arriving every day.

3) Know what is around the corner, both in your life and with respect to technology. This will help to plan for the future while enjoying your home theater or home entertainment system today.

- There are endless possibilities for home entertainment, theater and control today.
- You need to know what is the right combination of home theater and automation equipment for you.

Your Home Theater Guide is Here

1 TouchMovie is here to help maximize your home entertainment experience, to truly make it a "1 Touch Movie". If you desire, you'll be able to just press a button and enjoy the show.

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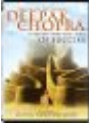





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CEDIA's 10 Tips For The Electronic Home Environment

1 Wire for everything now - Plan for the future when remodeling or building a new home. It is far more cost effective to wire when the walls are open and wiring is relatively inexpensive. Even if you think there is very little chance you may use some of the wiring, there is a good chance you are wrong. In addition, the extra wiring will help the resale value of your home.

2 Plan for HDTV now - If you like TV at all, you will want HDTV once you see it. Many people watch programs in HDTV they never typically watch, just because the picture is so great. HDTV will be the standard for TV in the very near future and it makes sense to be ready for its additional bandwidth requirements.

3 Insist on integrated systems - Make sure you buy electronics that can work together and be controlled by one easy to use control system.

4 Don't buy yesterday's products - This is extremely important in certain categories such as video displays. You want to be sure what you are buying is compatible with current standards and technologies. New video standards such as HDMI are being introduced constantly. Make sure your equipment is compatible.

5 Consider integrating lighting control with your home's electronics system

-Lighting sets the mood for many of the activities we enjoy at home; home theater, entertaining, or just a quiet night with family.

6 Think with your wallet but lead with your head - Quality and long-term dependability are the most cost effective attributes you can build into your new home. Don't skimp to save a few dollars where it can cost you big in the future.

7 Buy experience, not a box - Find a dealer that allows you to test drive the system or experience the thrill of a high-performance system. Very few people have the time or knowledge to evaluate the myriad of choices available today. It is important to buy a system that works together to be greater than the sum of its parts.

8 Don't think you have to put up with hard to use remote controls - Easy, all in one remote controls are available for almost any system. A professional can even custom program to make them work how just how you want. Their experience can give you insight into getting an easy to use remote.

9 Consult a professional custom installer - Designing a reliable, easy to use system that will enhance your lifestyle and add value to your home is the goal of the CEDIA approved professional.

10 Increase your service expectations -Your home electronics system is a big investment. CEDIA professionals will provide you with extensive options and help you evaluate them to ensure you receive a system that perfectly fits your lifestyle, budget and decor. They will provide comprehensive designs, complete installation, custom programming, and in-home service.


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